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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
WHEREABOUTS OF THREE PRIESTS MISSING IN ARGENTINA

H PASS: HONORABLE ABRAHAM RIBICOFF
U.S. SENATE WASHDC

1. DEAR SENATOR RIBICOFF:

THE LETTER YOU RECEIVED FROM THE DEPT. OF STATE
DATED APR 26 REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THREE
PRIESTS MISSING IN ARGENTINA INCORRECTLY STATES THAT
THERE WAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT REV. MAURICIO LKEBER
SILVA IRIBARNEGARAY. THE MISUNDERSTANDING WAS
PROBABLY DUE TO A VARIATION IN THE PRESENTATION OF
REV. SILVA'S NAME.

2. AS WE WROTE YOU IN SEP 1978, THE FOREIGN
OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTED THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA HAS NO RECORD OF THE
WHEREABOUTS OF REV. SILVA. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MAY
8, 1979, WE SUBMITTED ANOTHER INQUIRY FOR INFORMATION
OF REV. SILVA. WE WILL ADVISE YOU IF WE RECEIVE ANY
NEW INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

3. SINCERELY YOURS, MAXWELL CHAPLIN, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.
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